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EDUCATION

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<b>University of British Columbia</b> PhD – Philosophy Supervisor: Dr. Alan Richardson	2024-2029 (expected)
<b>University of Calgary</b> Master of Arts – Philosophy Thesis Title: “Objectivity and Public Trust in Value-Laden Science” Supervisor: Dr. Marc Ereshefsky	2022-2024
<b>University of Calgary</b> Bachelor of Arts – Philosophy and History	2019-2022

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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**Specialization:**

- Philosophy of Science, Trust and Values in Science
- Normative Ethics, Free Will and Moral Responsibility

**Competence:**

- Constructivism in Metaethics
- John Dewey’s Pragmatism
- Epistemology

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award (\$1250)	2024-2025
SSHRC Canada Graduate Master’s Scholarship (\$17,500)	2023
Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship – Research (\$15,000)	2023
Faculty of Graduate Studies Master’s Scholarship (\$10,000 Offered, Declined)	2023
Maggie Osler Memorial Scholarship in History (\$2,000 CAD)	2021
Faculty of Arts Dean’s List	2020-2022
Hal Rogers Endowment Fund Bursary (\$1,000 CAD)	2021
The Honourable Lois Mitchell Social Studies Teacher Award (\$1,500 CAD)	2020
Jason Lang Scholarship (\$1,000 CAD)	2020
The Leonard Foundation Student Award (\$1,687 CAD)	2020
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Marguerite Patricia P. Bannister Memorial Degree Award (\$16,000 CAD)	2019
Masonic Higher Education Bursary (\$5,000 CAD)	2019
Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (\$2,500 CAD)	2019

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Refereed:

“Agreement Within the Disagreement on Defining Life,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, 2023.

“Eugenics, Ethics, and the Global Conversation: Exchanging Ideas in Eugenics,” History of Medicine Days 2022, University of Calgary, 2022.

### Non-Refereed:

“Rejecting BRI: A View from Distinct Agent and Act Evaluations,” Graduate Colloquium Series, University of Calgary, 2023.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Guest Lectures:

“Physician Assisted Dying and Euthanasia” (Biomedical Ethics)	Winter 2026
“Racial, Sexual, and Social Contracts” (Introduction to Law and Society)	Fall 2025
“Inductive Risk, Value-Freedom, and Science” (Ethics in the Sciences)	Fall 2025

### University of British Columbia Teaching Assistantships:

Biomedical Ethics (PHIL333), Dr. Eric Wilkinson	Winter 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded quizzes, papers, and group work</li><li>• Guest lectured</li><li>• Led discussion sections</li></ul>	
Unruly Oceans: Law, Violence, and Sovereignty at Sea (LASO350), Dr. Sebastian Prange	Winter 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded quizzes and papers</li><li>• Advised students on writing and research practice</li></ul>	
Philosophy of Religion (PHIL347), Dr. Anders Kraal	Winter 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded quizzes and exams</li></ul>	
Introduction to Law and Society (LASO204), Dr. Brenda Fitzpatrick	Fall 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded quizzes, papers, and group presentations</li><li>• Guest lectured</li><li>• Led discussion sections</li></ul>	
Induction, Decision and Game Theory (PHIL321), Dr. Chris Stephens	Fall 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded quizzes, group work, and papers</li><li>• Assisted in discussion and group activities</li></ul>	
Ethics in the Sciences (PHIL337), Ms. Elena Holmgren	Fall 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded quizzes, papers, and group presentations</li><li>• Guest lectured</li><li>• Led in-class discussions</li></ul>	

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL102), Dr. Scott Anderson	Winter 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded quizzes and papers</li> <li>• Led discussion sections</li> </ul>	
Introduction to Critical Thinking (PHIL120), Dr. Alexandre Korolev	Winter 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded quizzes and papers</li> <li>• Led discussion sections</li> </ul>	
Introduction to Ethics (PHIL230), Dr. Alisabeth Ayars	Fall 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded quizzes and papers</li> <li>• Led discussion sections</li> </ul>	
<b>University of Calgary Teaching Assistantships:</b>	
Morality, Virtue, and Society (PHIL249), Dr. Ishtiyaque Haji	Fall 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded quizzes and papers</li> <li>• Led tutorials</li> </ul>	
Morality, Virtue, and Society (PHIL249), Dr. Ishtiyaque Haji	Winter 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded quizzes and papers</li> <li>• Led tutorials</li> </ul>	

## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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<b>President</b>	2023-2024
<i>Philosophy Graduate Students' Association, University of Calgary</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arranged graduate student meetings and activities</li> <li>• Secured funding and advocated for graduate students' needs</li> </ul>	
<b>Conference Organizer</b>	2023
<i>11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Graduate Conference – "Social Justice and Social Ontology"</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized conference attendees, catering, and agenda</li> <li>• Invited and coordinated external speaker attendance</li> </ul>	
<b>Tea Club Founder and Head</b>	2022-2024
<i>University of Calgary Philosophy Department</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arranged for a selection of a wide variety of teas for department members</li> <li>• Managed costs, supply, and equipment</li> </ul>	
<b>International Graduate Student Trip Organizer</b>	2022-2023
<i>University of Calgary Philosophy Department</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized and took sightseeing and activity trips with international graduate students</li> <li>• Managed hotels, fees, and itineraries</li> </ul>	
<b>Philosophy Department Representative</b>	2021-2022
<i>Faculty of Arts Students' Association, University of Calgary</i>	

- Advocated on behalf of undergraduate students in philosophy
- Helped effect change in available Formal Logic course tutoring opportunities
- Created and managed an online community presence for department students

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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### **Service Volunteer and Chorist** 2025-Present

*St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church*

- Assisted in managing events and operations
- Participated in choral music for weekly services

### **Volunteer, Volunteer Leader, Co-ordinator, and Trainer** 2016-2024

*St. Patrick's Catholic Church*

- Led teams of volunteers every weekend to run services smoothly
- Spoke publicly as a lector
- Trained dozens of volunteers in performing duties, both children and adults

### **Event Volunteer** 2018-2024

*Stampede City Kinettes*

- Set up and took down several large and successful charity events
- Managed incoming traffic and worked as a team to run events smoothly

### **Event Volunteer** 2017-2024

*Mary's Meals*

- Organized, set up, and helped run several large and successful charity events
- Led small teams to accomplish goals necessary for smooth event proceedings

### **Volunteer International Tour Leader** 2017-Present

- Directed annual tours to international destinations (pre-pandemic)
- Assisted local guides, working as a team to provide group with learning opportunities
- Managed attendance, safety, and information in transit and at locations

## GRADUATE SEMINARS

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### **Completed:**

Philosophy of Science: Values in Science – PHIL560 – Winter 2026

Instructor: Dr. Chris Stephens

Term Project: Value-Freedom, Decision-Making, and the Goals of Science

Topics in Science and Technology Studies: Trust and Objectivity – PHIL561 – Winter 2025

Instructor: Dr. Alan Richardson

Term Project: The Old Social Contract for Science – Grade: A

Moral Philosophy: Value Pluralism – PHIL530 – Winter 2025

Instructor: Dr. Dominic McIver Lopes  
Term Project: Public-Facing Writing (Blog) on Value Pluralism – Grade: A+

Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle – PHIL510 – Winter 2025

Instructor: Dr. Sylvia Berryman  
Term Paper: On the Unity of the Virtues – Grade: A

Logic: Game and Decision Theory – PHIL520 – Winter 2025

Instructor: Dr. Chris Stephens  
Term Paper: The Rational Rejection of Scientific Evidence – Grade: A+

Philosophy of Science: Standpoint Theory – PHIL560 – Fall 2024

Instructor: Dr. Alison Wylie  
Term Paper: Beyond Objectivity: The Advantages of Standpoint Theory – Grade: A

Political Philosophy: Coercion – PHIL531 – Fall 2024

Instructor: Dr. Scott Anderson  
Term Paper: Non-Moralized Coercion and Moral Responsibility – Grade: A-

Teaching Philosophy – PHIL581 – Fall 2024

Instructor: Dr. Chris Stephens  
Term Paper: Example Syllabus for Introductory Ethics Course – Grade: In Progress

Topics in Philosophy of Science: Philosophy of Biology – PHIL667 – Winter 2023

Instructor: Dr. Marc Ereshefsky  
Term Paper: Agreement Within the Disagreement on Defining Life – Grade: A+

Topics in Epistemology: Core Epistemology – PHIL661 – Winter 2023

Instructor: Dr. Jeremy Fantl  
Term Paper: A New View of Intuitions – Grade: A

Topics in the History of Philosophy: John Dewey – PHIL609 – Fall 2022

Instructor: Dr. Ken Waters  
Term Paper: Pragmatic Constructivism: Advantages on the Euthyphro Problem – Grade: A

Topics in Metaphysics: Social Ontology – PHIL623 – Fall 2022

Instructor: Dr. David Liebesman  
Term Paper: Bernard Suits on Games: A Robust Account of Playing – Grade: A

Topics in Ethics: Freedom and Obligation – PHIL649 – Fall 2022

Instructor: Dr. Ishtiyaque Haji  
Term Paper: The Luck Objection: Escaping Through Supernatural Abilities – Grade: A

Advanced Topics in Ethics: Freedom and Value – PHIL549 – Winter 2022

Instructor: Dr. Ishtiyaque Haji  
Term Paper: The Weak Plausibility of Future Blameworthiness – Grade: A-

Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Science: Science and Values – PHIL567 – Fall 2021

Instructor: Dr. Marc Ereshefsky

Term Paper: Democratic Value Selection in Science: For and Against – Grade: A

Advanced Topics in Metaphysics: Philosophy of Time – PHIL523 – Fall 2021

Instructor: Dr. David Liebesman

Term Paper: Ross Cameron's Moving Spotlight Theory – Grade: A-

## SKILLS

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- **Technological:** Development in Java, HTML/CSS, and SQL. Proficiency in Git and command line interfaces for Windows, Mac, and Linux. Software and hardware troubleshooting.
- **Languages:** English (Native); Spanish (Basic)
- **Music:** Guitar (Proficient); Piano (Basic); Violin (Basic)
- **Online Community Leadership:** Interacting with, supporting, and managing large online communities dedicated to specific tasks, especially relating to programming